

## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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October 6, 2010

To:

Each Supervisor

From:

Donald H. Blevins Chief Probation Officer

Subject:

HEALTH INSPECTION PROBLEM AT CAMPS AFFLERBAUGH AND

PAIGE - WATER STORAGE TANK REPAIRS

This is to advise you that on the evening of October 5, 2010, we were notified by the County Department of Public Health that birds were inside the water storage tank that provides the domestic water source to Camps Afflerbaugh and Paige.

Public Health representatives requested an update and that we institute immediate kitchen closure procedures at both of the Camps per the precautionary Boil Water Order issued by their Water Quality section. The Boil Water Order was issued today and is effective immediately. In addition, Public Health representatives requested that we identify our plan for providing food services for both Camps and the related logistics, and highlighted why we need to have an approved site-specific Food Service Plan to include these kinds of issues.

The following provides your Board with the information on this matter and incorporates responses as communicated to Public Health earlier today.

## STATUS OF KTICHEN CLOSURES

In accordance with the Department's Kitchen Closure Policy, upon learning of this matter, we immediately closed both camp kitchens and notified all appropriate Probation personnel of this issue. The kitchens are off limits and will remain locked. Water fountains are sealed off and marked out-of-order. Staff and minors are being provided with bottled water to drink and brush their teeth. Meals for both camps are being prepared by the Camp Rockey kitchen.

The Internal Services Department (ISD) was notified of this matter. As an immediate temporary solution, ISD has successfully been able to bypass the water tanks and will

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use portable equipment. ISD has contacted a vendor for the rental of two 21,000 gallon portable water tanks until a long-term solution of repairing the storage tank is completed. Since the tank is now isolated, ISD will be contacting Public Health to request the boiled water order be lifted.

One of the rental tanks is anticipated to be delivered tomorrow with the second tank delivered no later than Friday, October 8, 2010. ISD, as part of their routine testing of the water at these camps, has notified us that their most recent results provided by a certified laboratory have not been positive for contamination. As of noon today, there are no issues with regard to showers and toilet facilities.

We have discussed this matter with the Chief Executive Office and have obtained approval for the necessary Extraordinary Maintenance funding to repair the tank which is currently estimated at \$444,000.

## STATUS OF APPROVED SPECIFIC FOOD SERVICE PLAN

In response to Public Health's concern that we have an approved site-specific Food Service Plan to include these kinds of issues, this is included in the Department's recently established Food Service Implementation Plan which will be fully implemented by March 2011.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if additional information is needed, or your staff may contact Cal Remington, Chief Deputy, at (562) 940-2851.

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